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For: TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR VEHICLE STEERING

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Sir:

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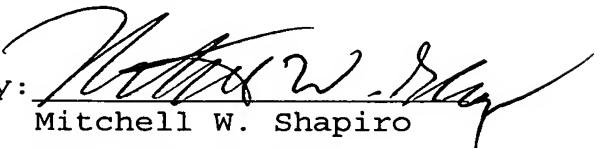
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Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the attached comments regarding the relevance of Documents BK and BL.

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COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT BK (WO 99/08920)

Shows a device in which needle rollers and balls are disposed in a male shaft and a female shaft.

COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT BL (EP 1 167 790)

Shows a device in which biased balls are disposed between a male shaft and a female shaft.

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